

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1672

Introduced by Assembly Member Holden

February 12, 2014

An act to amend Section 48273 of the Education Code, relating to pupil attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1672, as introduced, Holden. Pupil attendance: truancy.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of county and local school attendance review boards, and authorizes a school district to refer a pupil to a school attendance review board or the probation department for, among other things, truancy. Existing law, under specified circumstances, authorizes a school attendance review board or probation officer to direct the county superintendent of schools to request a petition on behalf of the pupil in the juvenile court of the county. Existing law requires the governing board of a school district to adopt rules and regulations to require appropriate officers and employees of the school district to gather and transmit to the county superintendent of schools the number and types of referrals to school attendance review boards and of requests for petitions to the juvenile court.

This bill would also require the information to be transmitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and would expand the information required to be gathered and submitted to include, among other things, the number and percentage of chronic absentees in the school district, the number of pupils referred to a school attendance review board who improved their attendance, and the number of pupils and parents or guardians referred to community services, as specified. The bill would require the information to be disaggregated by specified subgroups,

including gender, ethnicity, and foster youth status. The bill would require a county office of education to make available on its Internet Web site, if one is available, certain reports and information received from school attendance review boards. By imposing additional requirements on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48273 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 48273. (a) The governing board of each school district shall
- 4 adopt rules and regulations to require the appropriate officers and
- 5 employees of the *school* district to gather and transmit to the county
- 6 superintendent of schools ~~the number and types of referrals to~~
- 7 ~~school attendance review boards and of requests for petitions to~~
- 8 ~~the juvenile court pursuant to Section 48263.~~ *and the*
- 9 *Superintendent all of the following information:*
- 10 (1) *The number of pupils enrolled in the school district that the*
- 11 *school attendance review board represents.*
- 12 (2) *The number of chronic absentees, as defined in Section*
- 13 *60901, in the school district that the school attendance review*
- 14 *board represents.*
- 15 (3) *The percentage of chronic absentees, as defined in Section*
- 16 *60901, in the school district that the school attendance review*
- 17 *board represents.*
- 18 (4) *The number of pupils in the school district referred to a*
- 19 *school-level meeting, such as a student attendance review team*
- 20 *or a student success team.*
- 21 (5) *The number of pupils in the school district referred to a*
- 22 *school attendance review board meeting.*

1 (6) *The number of pupils referred to a school attendance review*
2 *board who improved their attendance by at least 50 percent during*
3 *the following semester or trimester after attending the school*
4 *attendance review board meeting.*

5 (7) *The number of pupils and parents or guardians referred to*
6 *the district attorney, city prosecutor, or probation department for*
7 *mediation or prosecution following a school attendance review*
8 *board meeting.*

9 (8) *The number of pupils and parents or guardians referred to*
10 *the community services referenced in Section 48320 following a*
11 *school attendance review board meeting.*

12 (9) *The number of pupils referred to alternative education*
13 *placement following a school attendance review board meeting.*

14 (b) *The information listed in subdivision (a) shall be*
15 *disaggregated and submitted by the following subgroups:*

16 (1) *English learner status.*

17 (2) *Foster youth status.*

18 (3) *Gender.*

19 (4) *Grade levels.*

20 (5) *Low income status.*

21 (6) *Race or ethnicity.*

22 (c) *The county office of education shall make available on its*
23 *Internet Web site, if one is available, the contents of the school*
24 *attendance review board reports it receives from local school*
25 *attendance review boards, or that summarize the results of those*
26 *reports, or that the county office of education creates, if the county*
27 *school attendance review board accepts referrals. The information*
28 *shall be made available in an anonymized format that is easy for*
29 *the public to access and understand.*

30 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
31 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
32 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
33 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
34 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.